GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UPLIFTMENT OF TRIBALS
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the sufferings and socio-economic upliftment of Ranchi tribals who are being evicted from forest land which they occuping since decades;

(b) if so, facts and details thereof;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether any action has been initiated to include them in the list of OBC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI P.R. KYNDIAH)

(a) to (e): The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal Ministry for the welfare and development of Scheduled Tribes notified under Article 342 of the Constitution only. The Community 'Ranchi' of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has not been notified as a Scheduled Tribe.

The UT Administration of Andaman & Nicobar Islands has, however, constituted the A & N Islands Commission for identifying Other Backward Classes which may also examine the case of Ranchis